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REMARKS

The present amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1 through 8 are pending in the application. Claims 1 through 7 have been rejected. Claim 8 has been objected to. Claims 1 through 3, 5 and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 4 and 6 have been amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully note that the Examiner has stated claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 through 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Katayama et al., US PGPUB 2003/0135798. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, more specifically Applicants disagree with the Examiner's interpretation of the cited reference as compared with the claimed limitations of claims 1 through 7. In the interest of expediting the allowance of the present application, however, Applicants have elected: (1) to cancel claims 1 through 3, and (2) to amend independent claim 4 to incorporate all the limitations of claim 8, whose allowability the Examiner has acknowledged.

As a result of amending claim 4, claims 5 and 8 have also been cancelled and claim 6 has been amended to change its dependence from cancelled claim 5 to claim 4.

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Applicants note that none of the claim amendments or cancellations were made due to the cited prior art, but rather in order to expedite the allowance of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to file continuation applications with claims having similar or greater scope as those originally filed in the present application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, pending claims 4, 6 and 7 are considered allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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